# 2010 EARLYBIRD BASEBALL CLASSIC

The Mason City High School baseball program invites you to participate in the Seventh annual Hardees' Baseball Classic to be held **May 1st and May 2nd.** The Classic is a two-day baseball tournament, which will be held at the Mason City Youth Baseball Complex in Mason City. The Classic will feature six age groups consisting of 9 & under, 10 & under, 11 & under, 12 & under, 13 & under, and 14 & under. **All teams are guaranteed four games**. Awards will be given to the top three teams in each age group. **The entry fee is $200 per team plus a $50 gate fee ($250 total**). The gate fee will allow all your fans to get into the tournament the entire weekend. We will try and play rain or shine. There will be no refunds once one game is played even if that game is played on the second day. Call Troy Rood at 641-430-6240 to register or with any questions. See you at the classic!

**Classic Rules** (National High School Federation rules apply in all situations not discussed below)

1. The $200 entry fee and $50 gate fee must be paid before a classic spot will be reserved.
2. Each age group will play a minimum of 4 games. Format may be different for each age bracket.
3. Each team will play 2 games on Saturday. The balance of games will be played on Sunday.
4. Seedings/Pairings will be posted for each bracket.
5. A coin flip will determine the home team.
6. Tie Breaking Priority: Head-to-Head, Runs Allowed, Run Differential, Runs Scored, and Coin Flip.
7. Rosters must be turned into the classic director before the first game is played and cannot be changed during the classic. Please check your roster in when you arrive with Dion King.
8. **Each team must supply 6 leather game balls at the check-in time.**
9. Awards will be given to the top three teams in each age group.
10. No inning will start after one hour and 40 minutes in attempts to stay on schedule. However, ties will be played out until a winner is determined.
11. **Each team will get a runner at 2B and one out to start each extra inning.**
12. All teams may bat their entire roster. ( This is especially encouraged in the 9 and 10 year old divisions) Teams may also use the EH. Please follow the guidelines associated with using the EH. Unlimited substitution in the field is permitted.
13. 9 & under, 10 & under, base runners cannot leave the base until the pitch crosses home plate. 11 and 12 year old cannot leave until the ball leaves the pitchers hand. Players can lead off in the 13 & under and 14 & under divisions.
14. 9 & under and 10 & under base runners may not steal home. ( CLOSED BASE ) All other age groups may steal home.
15. A dropped 3rd strike is the same as a caught 3rd strike for the 9 & under, 10 & under, 11 & under, and 12 & under divisions. Players may attempt to advance to 1B on a dropped 3rd strike in the 13 & under and 14 & under divisions.
16. The 9 & under, 10 & under, 11 & under, 12 & under, and 13 & under age groups will play six inning games, while the 14 & under age group will play seven inning games.
17. Run rule is 12 after 3 innings, 10 after 4 innings and 8 after 5 innings.
18. All team members must have numbers on their jerseys or t-shirts. ( shirts should be of same color )
19. The following pitching rules will be enforced:

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| 9 & under/10 & under/ 11 & under/ 12 & under/ 13 & under | A. Pitchers may not pitch more than six innings in one day.<br>B. Pitchers may not pitch more than eight innings during the Classic. |
| 14 & under | A. Pitchers may not pitch more than seven innings in one day.<br>B. Pitchers may not pitch more than nine innings during the Classic. |

***An inning is defined as one pitch thrown**.

20. There will be no bat restrictions in terms of length/weight ratio or barrel size (big barrels can be used).
21. AAU cards and birth certificates are not necessary. We trust you to only use players who qualify for the age group they are competing in.
22. **The tournament director reserves the right to change the tournament format due to weather or scheduling conflicts.**

# 2010 HARDEES' CLASSIC ENTRY FORM

**TEAM NAME: _____**

**AGE GROUP (circle one): 9 & under 10 & under 11 & under**
**12 & under 13 & under 14 & under**

**COACH'S NAME: _____**

**ADDRESS: _____**

**PHONE #: _____**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____**

**PLEASE RANK YOUR TEAM'S TALENT LEVEL:**

**1 (LOW) 2 3 4 5 (HIGH)**

Please complete the above information and send along with the $250.00 total fee (payable to **MASON CITY MOHAWK BASEBALL)** to**:**

**AMY STOEFFLER**
**930 SOUTH RHODE ISLAND AVENUE**
**MASON CITY, IA 50401**
**Amy.stoeffler@globegazette.com**

**ALL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO TROY ROOD AT 641-430-6240.**

**PAIRINGS WILL BE SENT OUT THE WEEK OF APRIL 19th. EACH TEAM WILL PLAY A MINIMUM OF 4 GAMES. PLEASE FEEL TO CALL TROY ROOD AT THE ABOVE PHONE NUMBER FOR HOTEL INFORMATION. ALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION INCLUDING A LIST OF TEAMS REGISTERED FOR THE TOURNAMENT CAN BE VIEWED AT www.mohawkbaseball.com DIRECTIONS TO THE TOURNAMENT SITE WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR PAIRINGS.**